UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ALLIANZ GLOBAL RISKS US	
INSURANCE COMPANY, as subrogee)
of Buffets Holdings, Inc.,)
) No.: 07 C 7149
Plaintiff,)
) Honorable: Samuel Der-Yeghiayan
V.)
)
NOVAK CONSTRUCTION,)
)
Defendant.	

JOINT JURISDICTIONAL STATUS REPORT

NOW COME Plaintiff, ALLIANZ GLOBAL RISKS US INSURANCE COMPANY (hereinafter "Allianz"), as subrogee of Buffets Holdings, Inc. (hereinafter "Buffets"), and NOVAK CONSTRUCTION, by and through their attorneys, MELINDA A. DAVIS and CHRISTINA L. PAWLOWSKI of DENENBERG TUFFLEY, PLLC, and TIMOTHY R. COUTURE and MICHAEL J. LINNEMAN of JOHNSON & BELL, LTD. and state the following as their Joint Jurisdictional Status Report.

I. SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

This case is before this Court pursuant to 28 USC § 1332. Plaintiff, Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Company, is a California corporation. On, before, and since March 12, 2006, Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Company's principal place of business was and is located in Burbank, California. (See Affidavit of Warren Miller, attached as **Exhibit 1**). Defendant, Novak Construction, is an Illinois corporation. On, before, and since March 12, 2006, Novak Construction's principal place of business was and is located in Chicago, Illinois. (See Affidavit of Kristen Ottinger, attached as **Exhibit 4**).

On March 12, 2006, a fire occurred at the Old Country Buffet restaurant, located at

445 East Palatine Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. As a result of the fire, Buffets Holdings

submitted a claim to Allianz. Plaintiff avers that Allianz made payment to Buffets Holdings in

the amount of \$151,628.95. (See Affidavit of Warren Miller, attached as Exhibit 1, Sworn

Statement in Proof of Loss, attached as Exhibit 2, and checks evidencing payment, attached as

Exhibit 3).

As such, there is complete diversity, and the claim exceeds \$75,000. Therefore, this

Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case.

II. VENUE (PLAINTIFF'S POSITION)

Pursuant to 28 USC § 1391, a civil action founded on diversity of citizenship may be

brought in a judicial district where any defendant resides, a judicial district where a substantial

part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred or a judicial district in which any defendant is

subject to personal jurisdiction at the time the action is commenced, if there is no other district

where the action can be brought.

The present case arises from a fire at the Old Country Buffet restaurant located at

445 East Palatine Road in Arlington Heights, Illinois. (See Affidavit of Warren Miller, attached

as Exhibit 1). The Defendant, Novak Construction, is a resident of Chicago, Illinois. As such,

this claim is proper in this district, as the Defendant resides in the district and the event giving

rise to the claim occurred in the district.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLIANZ GLOBAL RISKS US INSURANCE

COMPANY, as subrogee of Buffets Holdings, Inc.

Dated: 3/14/08

By: /S/ Christina L. Pawlowski

Christina L. Pawlowski (Pro Hac Vice)

One of its attorneys

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and

NOVAK CONSTRUCTION

Dated: 3/14/08 By: /S/ Timothy R. Couture

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 3/14/08, I electronically filed **Joint Jurisdictional Status Report** with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following: Christina L. Pawlowski.

Dated: 3/14/08 By: S/ Timothy R. Couture

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